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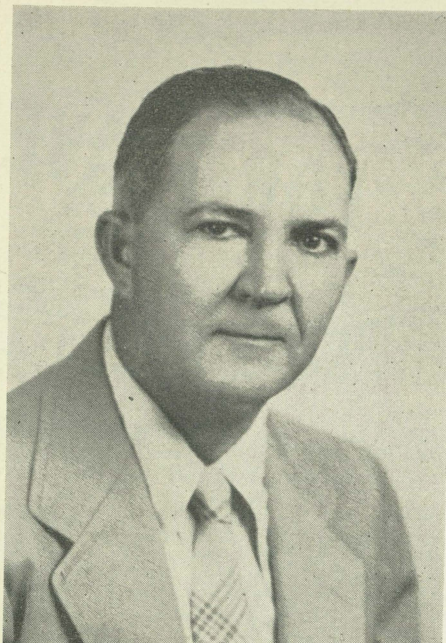
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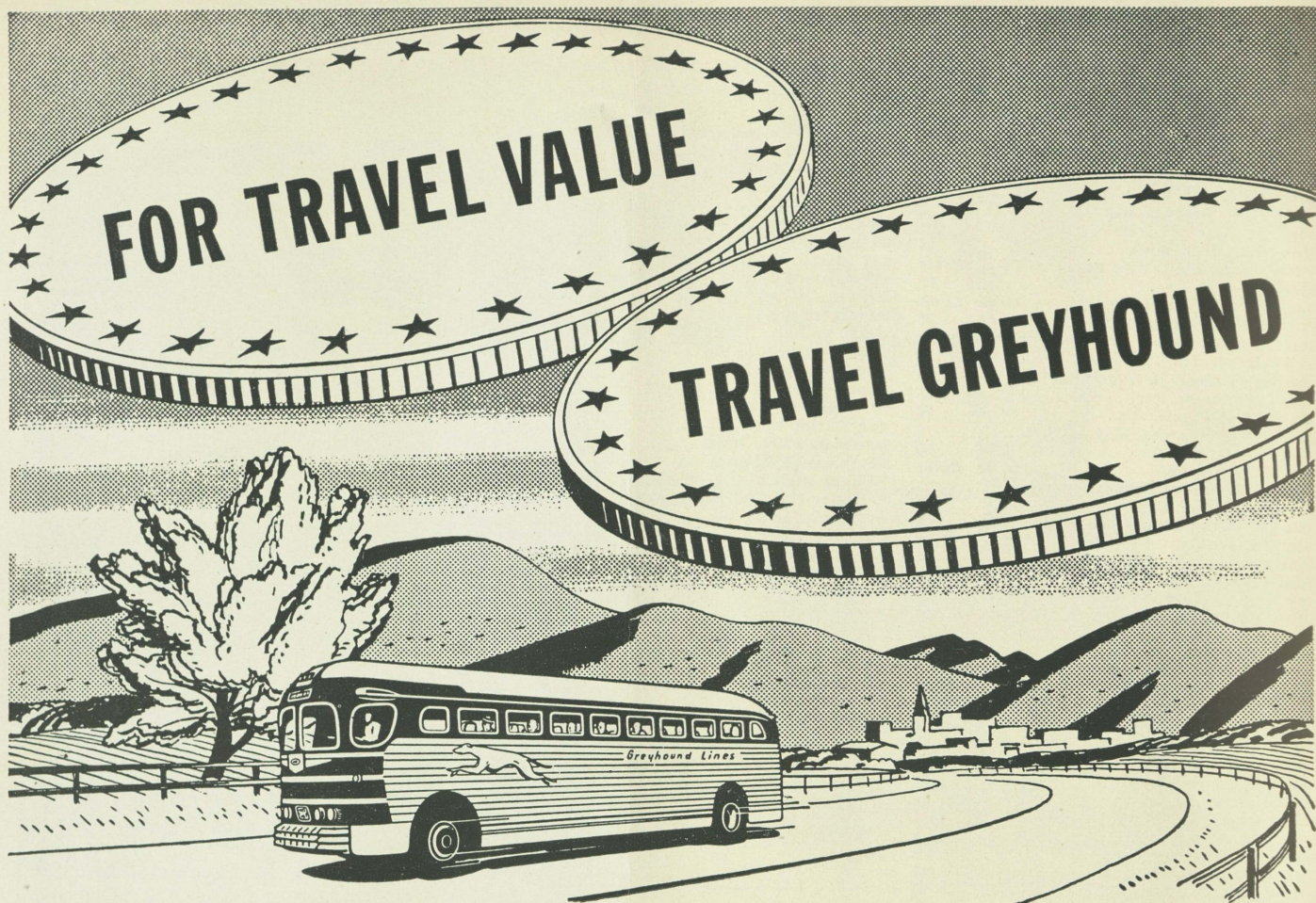
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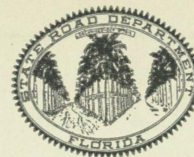
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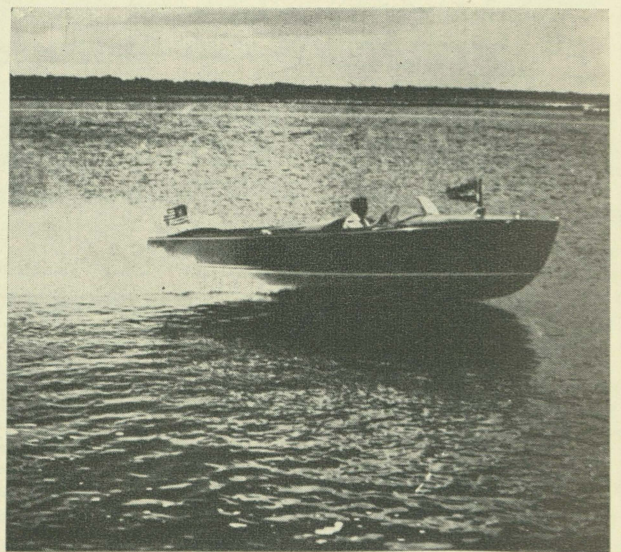


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EDITORIALS

FLORIDA HIGHWAY LAWS ARE AMENDED

The 1947 Legislature made several significant changes in the laws affecting operations of the State Road Department. Because of the widespread interest in this subject we present herewith a brief analysis of the changes as prepared by the legal staff of the department:

Senate Bill 5. Authorizing the Florida State Improvement Commission to borrow money to finance the construction of highway or bridge projects by issuing revenue certificates; to turn the borrowed funds over to the State Road Department to construct any such project; authorizing the State Road Department to lease and to purchase any of such projects when completed.

House Bill 309. Providing that in making necessary relocations, alterations, reconstruction of state roads, detours thereon shall not be of longer length than 15 miles and providing that traffic shall not be required to travel through a road under reconstruction more than a distance of one mile. The act recognizes the authority of the Department to relocate or alter any state road when it deems it necessary.

Senate Bill 753. Providing that when the State Road Department finds it dangerous for persons to fish from any bridge and posts signs on the bridge warning against fishing thereon, it shall be a misdemeanor to thereafter fish from the bridge. Makes it the duty of the Sheriffs and Highway Patrol Officers to enforce this act.

House Bill 188. Provides that when a state road or county road has been maintained for four years by the State Road Department or a county, title vests in the State Road Department or the county in fee simple. Provides that the filing of a map showing such a road or section thereof so maintained duly certified to, shall be prima facie evidence of title in the State Road Department or county.

House Bill 432. Makes it a misdemeanor for anyone to cut, deface, or destroy any trees or shrubbery which are maintained by the State Road Department within the right-of-way of State Roads. This is known as the Highway Beautification Protection Law.

Senate Bill 889. Confirms advances of funds by the State Road Department to counties for right-of-way purchases or for the construction of road or bridge projects in the counties to be refunded out of future gasoline tax funds accruing to the counties; and authorizing continuance of such advances by the Department to the counties and the procedure for making the same.

HJR 1269. Proposed Constitutional Amendment providing that gasoline taxes shall be used only for road or street purposes or airport purposes. Guarantees the proceeds of the four cent gas tax to the State Road Department. The seventh cent tax is guaranteed to the counties, distributed on the same basis as provided in Section 16,

Article IX of the Constitution, but provides 80% surplus funds of any county shall be expended for state roads therein as directed by the Board of County Commissioners of the County. The proposed amendment does not disturb the two cent gas tax distributed under Section 16, Article IX. Provides that gasoline taxes (if any are levied) on aviation fuel shall be used only for airport purposes. The amendment will take effect July 1, 1949 if ratified at the General Election in 1948.

Senate Bill 47. Is an amendatory act broadening State Officers and Employees Retirement Act.

House Bill 555. Authorizes the State Road Department to enter contracts with the University of Florida Engineering and Industrial Experiment Station for the latter to make engineering research studies in soil stabilization, properties of concrete and concrete aggregates, bituminous wearing surface and pavements, and other highway research fields, at costs to the Department not to exceed \$20,000.00 per year.

TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMPAIGN

With the Navy taking the lead and with the cooperation of the city, county and civic leaders, the campaign to direct attention to the need for traffic safety should accomplish great results.

The placing of battered wrecks where they can be seen by motorists and the erection of white crosses at spots where fatal accidents have occurred should certainly impress the driving public with the value of care in observance of all traffic rules and regulations.

The greatest cause of accidents is the calm belief that "it can't happen to me." Perhaps these displays will drive home the fact that such death, injuries and damages can happen to anyone—and quite often they happen to innocent persons.

The local safety campaign ties in well with the statewide campaign which has been conducted by Governor Caldwell. It also should impress on the people the value of the state highway patrol which is constantly on the road to caution motorists, to assist in accidents and to make arrests when necessary.

The campaign is one in which every automobile driver must participate. After all common politeness and consideration of the other fellow would obviate most of the traffic accidents.

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Recognizing the health of its citizens to be one of the greatest resources of the State, the University of Florida has taken a vast step forward in helping insure the future health of the State through its recently founded College of Physical Education, Health, and Athletics.

Designed to safeguard student health, and formulate permanent health habits among students of the University, the College not only offers immediate benefits to those attending the University of Florida, but carries them throughout Florida in a long range program of professional preparation which trains the instructors who will bring an improved program to secondary schools throughout the state.

Destined to become a leader in the national field by pioneering in methods and techniques of organization,

administration and teaching designed to contribute to a vastly enriched life for the state and nation, the College of Physical Education, Health and Athletics is now nearing the end of its first year with an expanding program.

Embracing departments of Professional Curriculum, Required Physical Education, Student Health, Intramural Athletics and Recreation, and Inter-collegiate Athletics, the College is headed by Dennis K. Stanley, Dean, who effected the organization and formulated the long range program of physical education.

Each department is an integral part of the entire program, and a breakdown of the College presents a clear picture of the functions of each department.

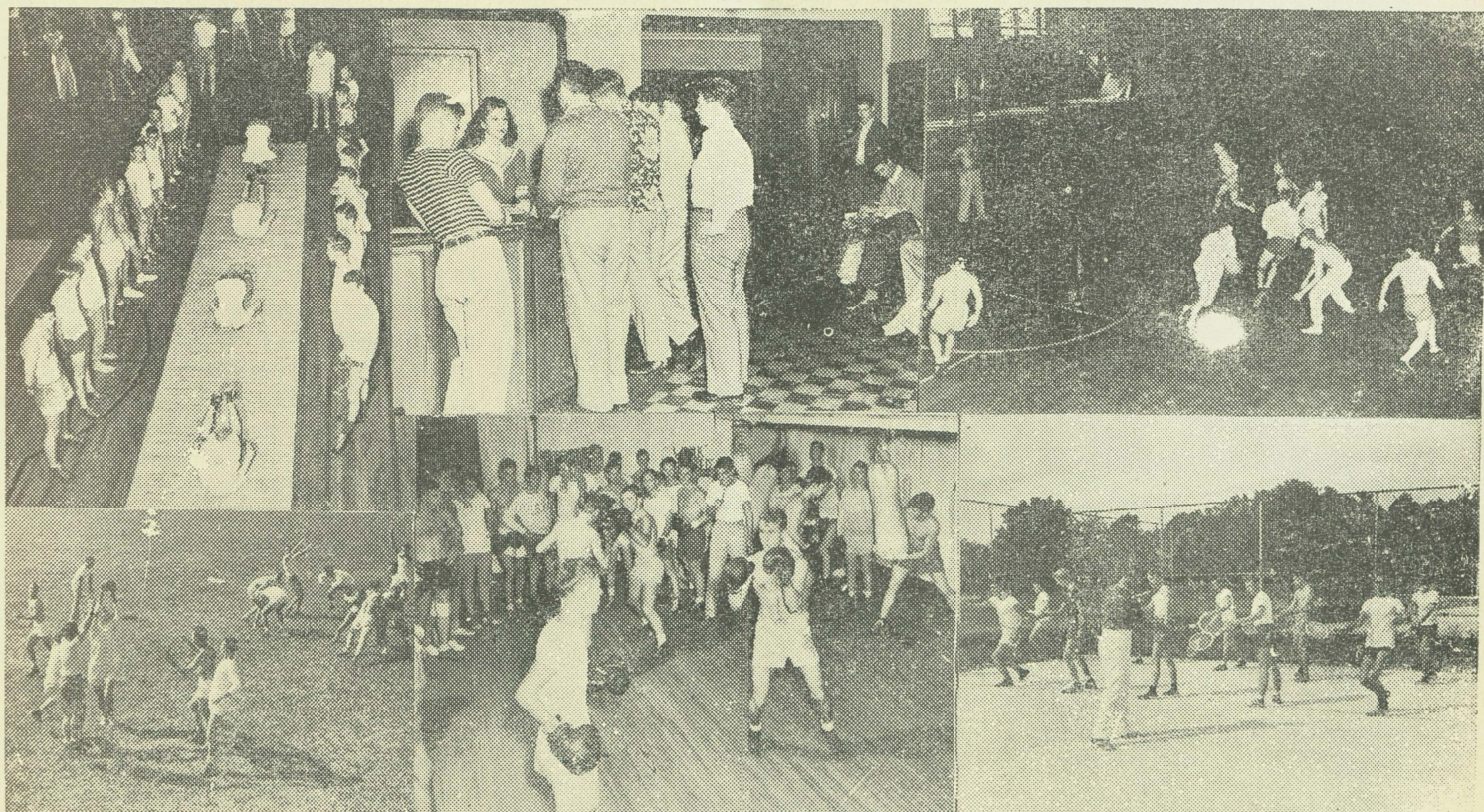
Department of Student Health

Comprising a comprehensive pro-

gram of preventative student health measures, and a clinical program designed to safeguard the health of every member of the student body, the Department of Student Health is headed by Dr. Embree Rose. Chief purposes of the department as described by Dr. Rose are to take care of all acute illnesses and injuries of students, as well as to classify students for the type of physical education program they will engage in.

Complete case files on the medical history of all students at their entrance into the University are kept at the Infirmary to enable the department to keep a periodic check on the health of every student.

With a fifty bed capacity staffed by three full time and one part time resident physicians, the Infirmary is rated high by the American College of Surgeons. Clinic hours are sched-



THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA'S NEW COLLEGE of Physical Education, Health, and Athletics, as evidenced in the above pictures, offers a well rounded program of athletics, recreation, and professional courses for students.

Pictured above are a few of the course activities of the College's five divisions. Upper left shows a class in the Required Physical Education program participating in tumbling, learning skills and techniques. Center top row, students are waiting to see resident physicians at the Infirmary in the College's Department

of Student Health which safeguards the health of every Florida student. Right, top row, a class in the Required Department learning basketball skills through participation. Lower left a class in the Professional Physical Education department learn how to teach game activities. Center bottom row, student groups work out in boxing prior to inter-league competition in the Department of Intramural Athletics and Recreation. Lower right a class in tennis learns how to follow through on a forehand stroke in the Required Physical Education Department.

uled daily between the hours of 9 A. M. and 5 P. M., but the clinic remains open until midnight for the benefit of those students who cannot call during the regular hours. The Infirmary is open for all emergencies around the clock.

A typical day at the Infirmary reveals that about 150 students visit the clinic daily, and an average of between 20 and 30 are bed patients daily.

Department of Required Physical Education

Sports appreciation and the development of physical fitness and recreational skills for all students is the chief purpose of the Department of Required Physical Education which is headed by Herman Schnell. This program is divided into the regular and adapted and corrective phases.

The regular program requires a four year activity program of all non-veteran students and transfers which teaches them skills and games they can play throughout their lives.

The curriculum includes eight sports comprising golf, tennis, swimming, handball, volleyball, boxing, rugged games, gymnastics and tumbling. The skills are taught through participation in the sport and each student is tested through a program embracing knowledge of the rules and skills, and participation under competitive fire.

The program is divided into basic and advanced courses. During the basic course the students are required to show proficiency in boxing, gymnastics, tumbling, rugged games, running, and swimming, while in the advanced course students are allowed to take electives in four popular sports including golf, tennis, handball, and volleyball, with officials pointing out that the repertoire will be increased as demand shows the need.

The fulfillment of the adapted and corrective program is most dramatically demonstrated by the fact that physically handicapped students are being introduced to a recreational life they once thought impossible. This

program is so successful that of 112 students registered in the Adapted and Corrective program during the first semester of the current school year, 23 were detached from the program and promoted to the Regular program.

This semester a comprehensive course in personal and public health covering the field of hygiene was added in a program designed to foster and establish sound personal health habits and knowledges in all students.

Department of Professional Curriculum

The Department of Professional Curriculum, headed by Dr. E. Benton Salt, is designed to prepare students for careers in athletic coaching, the teaching of physical education, health, and municipal, county, state and industrial recreation work through a program covering the fields of athletics, physical education, health education, and recreation.

Courses embrace athletic coaching in the four major sports including football, basketball, track, and baseball. In addition, group courses are offered in tennis, golf, aquatics, and other more recreational games.

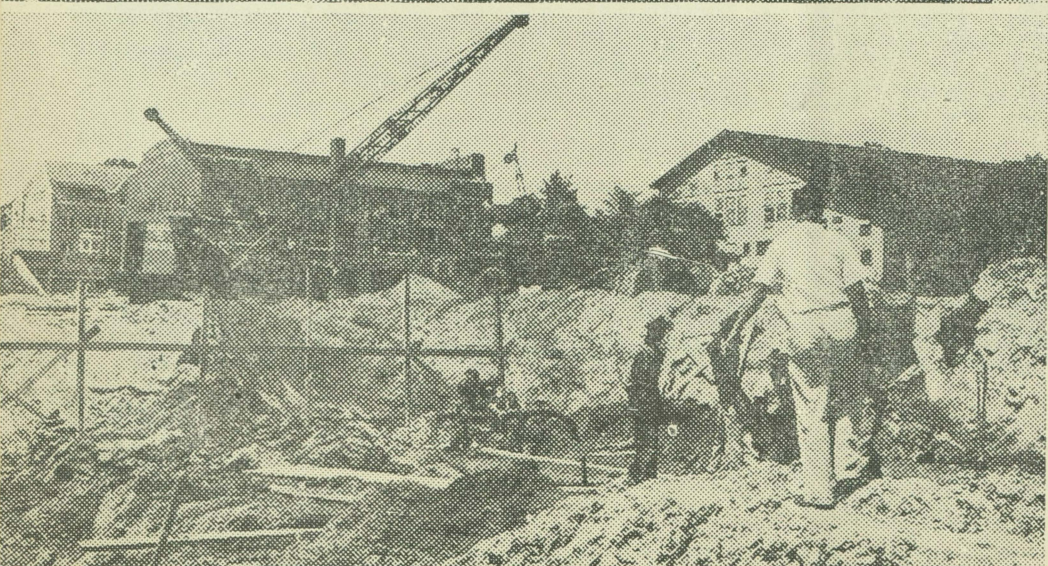
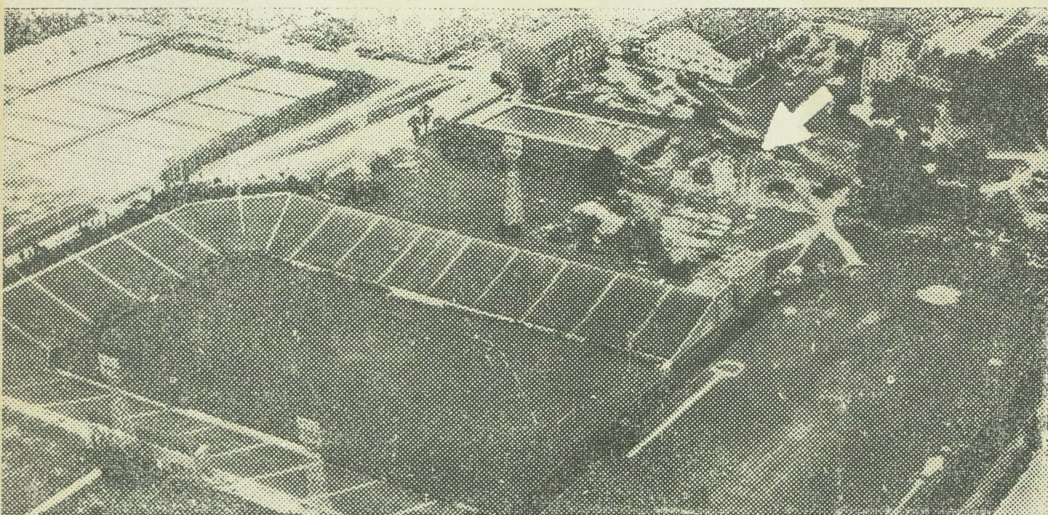
A brief breakdown of the content of major sports courses indicates that the student receives instruction in the principles of team offense and defense, principles of coaching, conditioning and care of athletes, as well as the rules and skills of the game.

Companion courses in the curriculum cover the fields of community and personal health, municipal recreation, hygiene, anatomy, physiology, and kinesiology (the mechanics of human motion), statistical method, supervised teaching, program construction, organization, administration, public speaking and similar allied courses.

Students must have courses in public speaking on the theory that good recreational workers, teachers, and coaches must be constantly before the public. Instruction is two-fold, embracing both class room projects and active participation in sports as a means of establishing desired qualities of leadership. Every student must participate in a number of extra-curricular activities in order to broaden the scope of leadership qualities the department requires of prospective workers in the field.

As an auxiliary of the department, a Bureau of Field Service has been

THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA'S GYMNASIUM is fast becoming a reality as construction continues at a rapid pace. Top aerial view shows general area where gymnasium will be located (arrow) while bottom picture shows construction in progress. When completed the gymnasium will be one of the most modern plants of its kind and will house offices and classrooms of the College of Physical Education, Health and Athletics, as well as provide complete recreational and training facilities for the student body.



established whereby staff members make available advisory on the job service to schools and cities desiring help in problems of physical education and recreational programs.

The overall goal of the department is to prepare qualified leaders in the fields of recreation, physical education, health, and athletic coaching to meet a growing demand for professional workers trained in school and community needs in Florida.

Intra-mural Athletics and Recreation

A broad program of competitive sports and recreation for the entire student body is the program set up by the Department of Intra-mural Athletics and Recreation headed by Spurgeon Cherry.

Two types of programs the department covers are: (1) competitive intramural athletics; and (2) non-competitive sports or recreation. The program is designed to meet the needs of that large number of students who do not take part in varsity competition through lack of time, ability, or inclination.

The program includes fourteen sports ranging from such individual competition requiring comparatively little training such as handball, tennis, and golf to more strenuous sports such as track, football, and basketball. Three leagues divide the student body into competitive groups and include inter-fraternity, dormitory, and independent.

Facilities of instruction are offered at specified hours and several overall objectives include: Offering of a balanced variety of activities to meet interests of students; safeguarding student health through choice of sports or activities; establishment of policies to fit the needs of all; and development of social relations and attitudes through competitive sports.

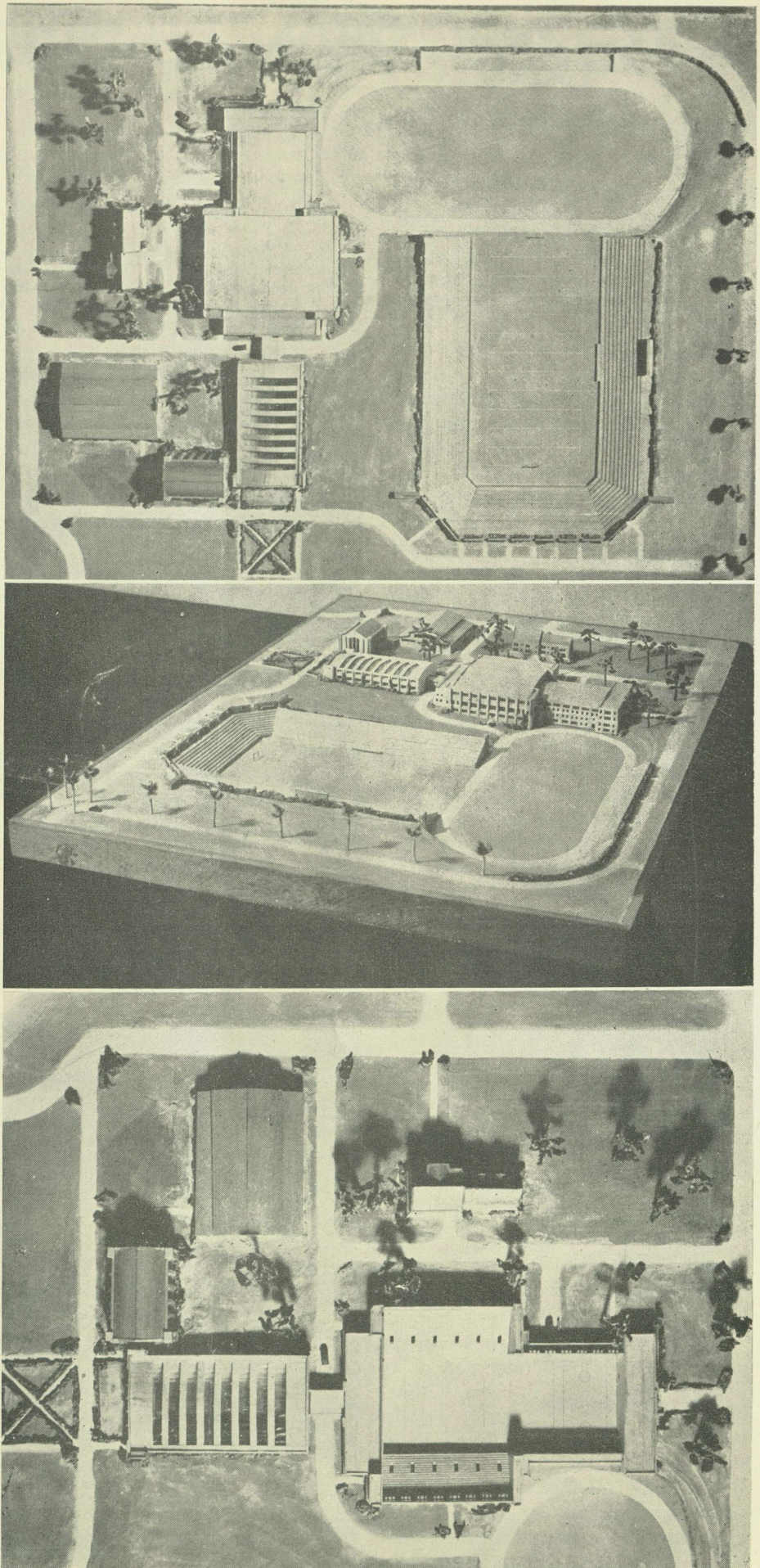
Inter-Collegiate Athletics

Rounding out the broad program of the college is the Department of inter-collegiate athletics headed by Raymond Bear Wolf.

Primary purpose of the department is to foster a comprehensive program

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Three views of Athletic plant authorized for the University of Florida. Facilities include gymnasium facilities, indoor auditorium (illustrated below with roof removed to show interior and classrooms. The plant ties in with the track and football stadium as shown.



Tobacco Moves South

By JOHN I. KEASLER

The arrival of showery June days and the annual agricultural slump in the Plant City section found at least four farmers, all ex-Georgian growers, little worried as they began harvest of what may someday become a "money crop" in East Hillsborough county although it has never been tried in the past.

They were busy harvesting huge leaves of bright velvet-type tobacco, which, they declared, is of finer quality than any they ever grew in Georgia.

J. O. Armor, assistant County Agent of Hillsborough County, said tobacco might be a profitable crop to follow the strawberry and spring vegetable crop at Plant City, the world's largest winter strawberry producing center.

Busy proving it on four acres in the Mt. Enon section three miles southeast of Plant City are C. H. Robinson, his two sons, E. A. and Joe C. Robinson, and a son-in-law, Fen Bowman. All, with the exception of the father are veterans of World War II.

The soil of their experimental but promising four-acre tobacco patch is light and sandy and unsuitable for either strawberries or pepper — long mainstays of East Hillsborough growers. It produces excellent tobacco, however, Robinson said, and the towering stalks higher than a man's head offer ample proof.

The elder Robinson has been in the Plant City section for about four years. A year or more ago he purchased the farm he now operates near Plant City.

He got into the tobacco raising business almost by accident. Last winter some Georgia relatives asked him to make a seed bed for their plants here as they have considerable trouble with blue mold in Georgia.

He did, and while at it grew enough plants to try the first experiment of its type on any scale in central Florida. The four farmers began setting the plants about mid-March and used varying degrees of fertilizer on each of the four one-acre patches which they work together. One section was given about one ton of fertilizer to the acre. It is more than head high

in every row, which is something to make growers anywhere sit up and take notice. Another section, given 600 pounds to the acre, is now less

than shoulder high but still growing as June rains set in.

Robinson said the Florida land had
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C. H. Robinson, ex-Georgia tobacco grower, demonstrating the height of his Plant City raised tobacco on the first experimental patch in that section. Entering the Florida tobacco business almost by accident, he predicts a profitable crop to follow the summer fruit and vegetable lull that haunts Plant City farmers, and said his Florida grown tobacco was taller and of better quality than any he had ever grown in Georgia. (See story.)



These four former Georgia farmers, Fen Bowman, C. H., E. A. and Joe C. Robinson have started a tobacco growing industry in the Plant City area. They are shown here before their curing shed where the temperature is kept at 140 degrees. They will get an average of 60 cents a pound for their crop, which may exceed 5000 pounds. (See story.)



Commissioners Meet

V. E. Bourland, Chairman of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners, took office as President of the State Association of County Commissioners on June 28, the final session of the three day gathering at the Orange Court Hotel in Orlando. Bourland had been elected the previous day.

A. B. Folks, of Marion County, was picked as the group's vice-president and Wendell W. Pharr, of Orange County, was chosen secretary-treasurer of the association.

It was the 19th gathering of the association.

The commissioners voted to hold their 20th convention in Panama City next March.

A resolution, passed by the association, asked the State Board of Administration to appoint "some capable person to act as liaison agent to coordinate the work of processing requests of counties for construction of road and bridge projects financed by revenue certificates of the Florida State Improvement Commission in cooperation with the State Road Department."

Bourland's election to the presidency, is regarded by him as a highlight in his political and business career. He came out of World War I with \$25 and no civilian clothes, he said at the barbecue at the Orlando Gun Club held Friday evening. This barbecue, prepared under the eye of County Commissioner E. D. (Ed) Cook, of Orange, was attended by practically all the commissioners representing Florida's 67 counties, with Orange county and Orlando public servants joining Cook in making everyone welcome and seeing them well-fed.

There was barbecue and trimmings in plenty and a Hill-Billy band was present to regale the guests.

Judge G. Claiborne Blanton, of Selma, Ala., President of the National Association of County Officials, in an address on the second day of the meeting, advocated strong county and local governments and a return, at the National level, to a policy of non-interference.

"We do not recommend an about-face," he said, "by abolishing all National bureaus, boards, and com-

missions, but it is high time for the people generally to join county officials in strengthening and improving our grass-roots form of government in counties and smaller political subdivisions."

Judge Blanton expressed the opinion that the Federal Government should continue to administer Social Security, Public Health, Public Education, Farm Benefits, Rural Electrification, Public Roads and any other National functions which require subsidies.

Ben Fuqua, of Manatee County, and a member of the association's legislative committee, made a report to the gathering on Friday. Anthony Schleman, county tax collector, Hillsborough County, also addressed the Friday session.

Leland Hiatt, Florida's Welfare Director, pointed out to the commissioners how increased living costs had complicated the administration of welfare in the various subdivisions.

The gathering opened on a political note when R. W. (Dick) Ervin, of Palatka, an attorney for the State Road Board, said he was planning to announce his candidacy for Attorney General of Florida. L. Grady Burton, of Wauchula, and Lex

Green, of Starke, were also mentioned as candidates for the post.

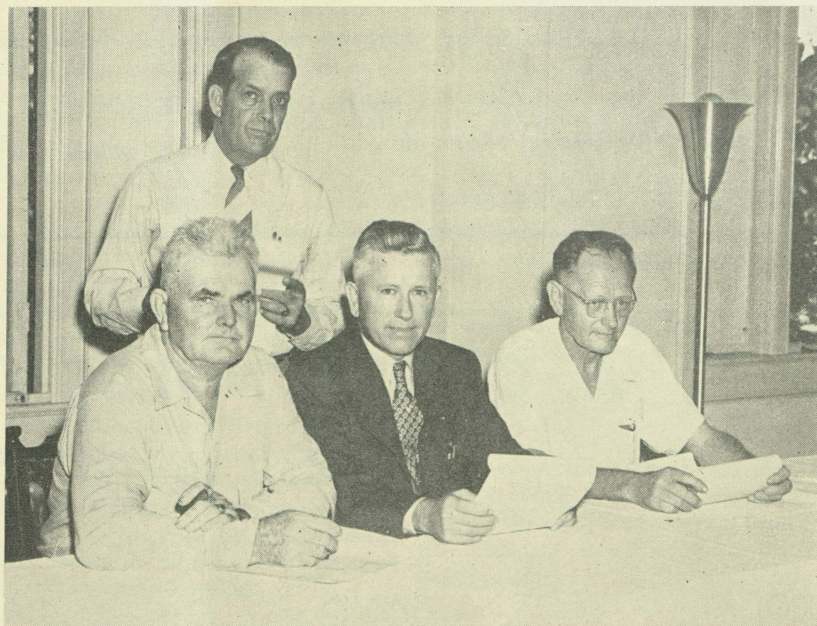
City Commissioner S. Merle Heasley welcomed the visitors at the opening session on Thursday and Elbert Moore of Hillsborough responded.

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of intercollegiate competition in four major sports and such minor sports that will best serve the interests of the University as a whole in athletic relations with other schools and at the same time serve the needs and interests of the entire state.

Chief work of the department so far has been reorganization on a sound and permanent basis of varsity teams in football, basketball, track and baseball to a point that in future years these teams can compete on an even basis with other schools. In addition emphasis is to be placed upon the development of tennis and swimming teams inasmuch as such sports are particularly significant of a state such as Florida. Further, the safety factor in the matter of water activities makes desirable a well developed program of instruction in all phases of aquatics.



Seated, left to right, A. B. Folks, Marion County, vice-president; V. E. Bourland, Orange County, president; and Wendell W. Pharr, Orange County, secretary-treasurer of the State Association of County Commissioners, elected at the Orlando meeting. Standing, E. W. Simmons, Hillsborough County, retiring president of the Association.

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County Activities and Personalities . . .

Okaloosa County Commission Chairman Grady Garrett says, despite the fact that he is \$260.00 poorer, he still has reason to be thankful because thieves, who broke into his house, left \$40.00 cash and his billfold.

Osceola County Commissioner LeRoy Bass has been elected to head the Osceola County Cattlemen's Association during 1947.

A house has been lost by the Bay County Commission. Sold to a man for delinquent taxes, the house had completely disappeared when the new owner went to look over his purchase.

Pinellas County Commissioner Potter is being complimented on his recent suggestion that the Commission set aside an actual dollars and cents reserve for expansion of the beach water system. This will eliminate the necessity of borrowing money for this purpose.

Palm Beach County's cost of government per capita is \$1.07 less than the State average, it has been revealed in a report received by the County Commission from the State Comptroller.

A State Auditor's report shows that the greater part of the increase in Hillsborough County Commissioners' operating cost of \$55.00 per person in 1942 to \$80.00 at the end of the last fiscal year in September may be attributed to the present inflationary trend.

The Sarasota County Commissioners have voted to waive the County's share of intangible tax claims against property held by the Rembrandt Corporation and now owned by the State. This Corporation, a no profit organization, owned the works of art in the Ringling Museum and home.

Lime rock for agricultural and road use is to be mined by the Pinellas County Commissioners, the larger stone to be used for road work and the fine stone sold to farmers at approximate cost. This plan should save the farmers about \$3.50 a ton on lime rock needed for their pastures.

The Belleville Bridge, between Madison and Hamilton Counties has been closed by the Madison County Commissioners because it is unsafe and they contend Hamilton County owes them \$1300 on the construction cost of the bridge. The Hamilton County Commissioners refused to pay their part of the

cost of the bridge when it was built since they contend the bridge was not built according to specifications.

Escambia County Commissioners have passed a resolution to obtain an additional \$5,000 needed for the right of way for the new Bayou Chico bridge.

Resolutions passed by the Volusia County Commissioners require them to obtain title for rights of way needed in the reconstruction of State Road 15 north and south of DeLand. The immediate cost will be paid by the State Road Department with reimbursement to be made from future gas taxes due Volusia County after retirement of present road and bridge indebtedness.

Pinellas County Commissioners have given tentative approval to a proposed toll bridge to be built on Bay Drive connecting Largo to Indian Rocks Island.

Plans have been made by the Manatee County Commission for improvements to the bridge linking Terra Ceia Island with the mainland.

A contract has been awarded by the Broward County Commissioners for the surfacing of all county roads prior to July 31.

St. Lucie County Commissioners have directed that a survey be made for a road parallel to the Florida East Coast Railway from Ft. Pierce to the junction cutoff at Olympia Beach.

Participation in the Workmen's Compensation Act for county employees was agreed upon by the Pinellas County Commission when it was found that disabled workers were becoming costly to the county.

The Orange County Commissioners have voted to budget \$50,000, a \$19,200 boost in the sum which the county annually pays Orange Memorial Hospital for the care and treatment of indigent patients.

The Suwannee County Hospital authority has voted to purchase the property owned and formerly occupied by the Florida Memorial College for Negroes, west of Houston Street on the Madison Road in Live Oak, as a site for their proposed hospital.

The Marion County Commission has approved the establishment of an accredited public health unit in that county.

Plans have been made by the Indian River County Commissioners to set up a county health unit around September 1. This county will share the services of a public health officer and supervisor of nurses with St. Lucie and Martin Counties.

The St. Lucie County Commissioners, in their 1947-48 budget, will carry funds equal to 75 cents per capita of population, based on the 1945 State census, as their share in the proposed county health unit.

The Manatee County Commissioners have decided to join the State Board of Health in establishing a State-County health unit after July 1 in lieu of the county health unit previously operated.

The appropriation of the Bradford County Commissioners for its share of the expense of operating the county health unit has been raised from \$3,000 to \$3,200 for the coming year.

The Hardee County Commission and School Board have gone on record as favoring the organization of a band and the employment of a competent instructor in the Hardee County High School. The School Board will endeavor to secure a teacher while the County Commission showed its interest by contributing \$1,250 to the cause.

A contract for construction of a fire-proof addition to the Bay County Court House in the amount of \$22,990.76 has been awarded to G. W. Giles. The addition will be used to house legal records and at the same time provide needed extra space.

Pinellas County Commissioners have started work on converting the former tuberculosis unit at the County Home into a county prison stockade.

Plans of the Broward County Commission for the acquisition of a portion of the public beach in the county for the use of negroes are progressing.

Monroe County Commissioners have selected West Martello Towers as the site of the proposed county beach and the \$250,000 construction project will begin shortly.

A \$100 revolving fund to help buy quail feed and to start a chain of quail feed banks has been authorized by the Pinellas County Commission.

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First steps in the lighting of Adelson Field for night baseball games were taken when Hillsborough County Commissioner Earl W. Simmons donated eight pine trees, thus saving a probable \$800 on electric line poles needed for the project.

Formative plans have been made by the Dade County Commission and Ed Ball of the duPont interests for the construction of a Dade County-duPont aquarium on Virginia Key.

The Dade County Commission has granted E. J. Waters, operator of the Prinz Baldemar Aquarium in Miami's Bayfront Park, permission to capture a manatee—better known as a "sea cow". Waters promised that he would close his aquarium when the proposed Dade-duPont Aquarium is opened.

A resolution of the Brevard County Commissioners sets aside for park purposes a 35-acre tract of land in the northwest part of Titusville, portion of which is now being developed as a ball park.

A move on the part of a group of farmers to purchase United States farm labor camps has been reported to the Palm Beach County Commissioners.

The Okaloosa County Commission has purchased the portion of Santa Rosa Island lying directly south of Okaloosa County, about 18 miles along the Gulf of Mexico, from the Escambia County Commission for the sum of \$10,000.

Bacom Point on the shore of Lake Okeechobee, three miles southeast of Pahokee and six miles northwest of Belle Glade, has been selected by the Palm Beach County Commissioners as the site for a proposed new airport for the Everglades farm area.

The Palm Beach County Commission has agreed to provide funds to activate the new South Palm Beach county erosion district. The erosion district will cooperate with the South Lake Worth Inlet district in pumping sand from Lake Worth onto the ocean beach south of the inlet. It was stated that the money eventually will come from an erosion district tax levy.

Volusia County is to be remapped for the first time in 50 years. Volusia County Commissioners ordered the work done at a cost of \$4,800 on the bid of Dohren W. Wiggert, a Daytona Beach civil engineer.

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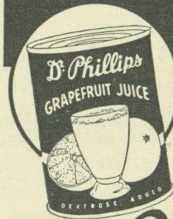
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JULIA REHWINKEL HOLLAND

G. H. McNabb of Tampa has billed the city \$50.00 for property the Sanitary Department hauled along with trash, although the property was some twenty feet away from the customary place he piled his rubbish. He had stripped his car to do a paint job in his yard and was momentarily absent when the garbage men hauled away four hub caps, one spare tire and wheel, a tire cover, and cans and bottles of paint remover and thinner.

A man who "poisons" rats with oatmeal has been doing a profitable business in Jacksonville. He claims to be a representative of the City Board of Health engaged in rodent extermination and asks to place rat poison about victim's place of business. After his departure from a Main Street drug store, \$500 was found to be missing from the store safe, and a purse containing \$17 was stolen from the Baptist Book Store in the same manner.

A six-months jail term for petty larceny cut short the one-week honeymoon of Jack Jordan, 25, and his bride, a Miami bank employee.

Red paint caused the downfall of Tom Adams, a Dade City filling station employee. His employer, Dave Tyre, determined to halt the numerous break-ins at his station, rigged up a bucket of red paint in such a manner that anyone opening the cash register would be showered with red paint. When Adams went to his employer's home to report the next robbery, Tyre noted he had a freshly scrubbed look and smelled of gasoline, so he looked more closely and discovered a couple of splashes of red paint Adams had missed.

A baby brown bear, pet of residents in the southwest section of Miami, invaded the privacy of a stranger's home. He first attracted attention by clawing the screen of the home of Misses Mary and Helen Marrs, and Miss Helen Marrs went out to chase the bear away. The bear, apparently starved for affection, clasped her about the legs, which frightened her and she started screaming. A neighbor ran to her assistance and beat the bruin with a broom while Miss Mary Marrs called the police. Before police

arrived, two of the women had thrown a rope around the bear while Miss Helen Marrs, her fear conquered, held him with her foot.

A playful monkey invaded the chicken yard of Mrs. Dorothy Kittrell of Tampa and made himself at home in an orange tree when the chickens, unaccustomed to such a playmate, began to squawk. Mrs. Kittrell, trying to locate his owner, said, "He's putting on a free show out here and having such a good time, I hope he stays awhile."

The City Editor of the St. Petersburg Independent received this exciting telephone message: "I've just killed a monster. It's got a body like a snake, but it's got feet growing where its ears ought to be and it's 20 feet long." Further query diminished the length of the monster to 20 inches, instead of 20 feet, but the "feet growing where the ears ought to be" was not solved until a reporter went to investigate. The monster proved to be a common ribbon snake which had been in the process of swallowing a frog when it was killed, and the frog's legs were all that remained outside the snake's body.

Onelio Cabeza of Tampa had the shock of his life when he found a "crawfish" in his yard after a heavy downpour of rain on a recent night.

A jennie wren and her family have interrupted the fishing jaunts of Zack Shelley, Sr., and Zack Shelley, Jr., of Tallahassee. The wren built her nest in the bow of the Shelley's favorite fishing craft, which is suspended upside down in their garage. Zack, Jr., will not permit the birds to be disturbed until the baby wrens leave the nest.

A baby canary, known as Jimmy II, first bird to be hatched in the only hotel in Jacksonville known to be featuring singing canaries in its lobby, is creating a sensation in the Mayflower Hotel there.

Five prize Holstein heifers, literally on the verge of motherhood, made a stopover at Miami's International Airport aboard their "Flying Barn" en route from Carnation, Washington, to Latin American breeders in Uruguay.

Thomas Gaskin, who lives by Fish

Eating Creek near Palmdale, is said to be the world's largest dealer in one of the world's strangest commodities, cypress knees. From the cypress knees, Gaskin makes lamp bases, vases, cigarette boxes, taxidermists' mounts, book ends, pen and pencil holders, buttons, paper weights, hair clips, etc., which are sold to metropolitan department stores, including Wanamaker's, Macy's and Marshall Field's.

Ramie is being grown for cigarette paper in the Everglades farm region. According to Louis Schweitzer, president of Peter J. Schweitzer, Inc., New York, a start is being made with 10,000 acres and 100,000 acres may eventually grow ramie for the light-grade paper.

M. F. Jones, the blind man who has nearly completed a two-story house at 5806 Florida Avenue, Tampa, all by himself, can't work alone any more. He has to take it easy after a heart attack.

This remark was heard on a Tampa bus by D. E. Lively, operator of the Florida Council for the Blind stand at the Hillsborough County Court House. "My, what are we going to do if we have inflation on top of all these high prices."

One of the candidates in the Miami Beach City Council race came upon a group playing hop-scotch in the street and gave each member a piece of bubble gum and campaign literature to take home. He didn't know that one of the "children" was a mother romping with her daughter.

There was almost too much excitement in the Dave Koch household in Miami Beach when they received the news of a grandson born at 7:00 A. M. and another grandson born at 7:00 P. M. on the same day. Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Koch announced the first blessed event which was followed in the evening by a similar announcement from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kaplan.

K. E. Gulick, resident caretaker at Florida State University's Camp Flastacowo, is known as the "gardenia man." He grows gardenias at the camp and has established a custom during the past three years of bringing from 200 to 500 blossoms each morning during the May-June blooming season and placing them in a magnificent display under the shade trees on the FSU campus, so students going to early morning classes may help themselves.

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tioner of Miami, who does not look a day over 60, and his 42-year-old wife, Alexandrina, who looks like a woman of 30, credit their youthfulness to drinking "Hydrocotyle Asiatica" or "Fo Ti Hieng" tea which comes from India or Tibet. In Tibet it is said the herb is grown 7,000 feet above sea level.

A half house in Daytona Beach is arousing everyone's curiosity. When the James Aubrey Dampiers were notified that they would have to vacate their apartment shortly before their son was born and couldn't find an apartment where the landlord would take a young baby, they decided they'd have to build. But the Dampiers couldn't really afford to build a house, so they built half a house and have a five-year plan for completing it.

Two old ladies who live in a 1936 automobile, with 1942 New Jersey license tags, and whose departure a year ago was heralded, have visited West Palm Beach again. It is said that they eat one hot meal a day, sleep in car, travel all over and like West Palm Beach best of all. Patrolman W. V. Eddy commented: "Now, officers all over must have good hearts, because a '42 license is conspicuous."

Ella Raines, the movie star, has been vacationing in Panama City with her husband, Major Robin Olds, who is a member of the new class of Tyn-dall Field's Army Air Forces Tactical School. During an interview, she commented to a Panama City reporter: "The beaches are very beautiful, much nicer, in fact, than those of California."

Miss Lucia Prymke of Posen, Poland, who served three years as a German slave laborer, spent two years in a Nazi concentration camp and later served as telephone operator and interpreter for the United States Army, is soon expected in Trenton to marry an Army veteran and ministerial student, Proctor Mark Hall, son of the Reverend Roscoe M. Hall, Sr.

The solution of a mysterious disappearance ten years ago involving an aged invalid, then living in Meridian, Mississippi, has been revealed in documents filed for record in the Duval County Probate Court. Routine steps in administering the estate of Ezra J. Romig, 87, who died in a Jacksonville hospital October 27,

1945, uncovered copies of probate proceedings in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, which showed the same man was declared legally dead there on November 21, 1935, and his estate of some \$40,000 divided among his heirs.

When Mrs. Robert R. Browning of Miami heard a noise on her front lawn shortly before midnight, she went to the door thinking it was her husband coming home. Instead, she saw two figures scurry away, but they left behind them a granite tombstone inscribed "Robert R. Browning, 1902-1941". Mrs. Browning said she hopes it was just a practical joke.

Mystery shrouded a minor explosion which wrecked the death mask of the notorious John Dillinger on the wall of the Dade County Sheriff's criminal investigation department. The board on which the wax mask had been fastened was intact, but not even a remnant of the life-like mask of the one time public enemy No. 1 remains.

Seminole Indians held their annual Green Corn dance in the Everglades recently, and not a single tale about disgraced maidens walking disconsolately into the setting sun has been heard.

A location man for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer has been looking over Anna Maria Island, and it is possible that this island may be used as the locale for a motion picture.

The historic tug, Three Friends, has sunk in water six feet deep at a Jacksonville dock while awaiting funds from the Cuban government for repairs. Mrs. Dorcas Foster, granddaughter of the late Napoleon Broward, former governor of Florida, had given the tug to the Cuban government for use as a shrine.

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They used to send them back to the towns they came from, but the sorting and mailing became too big a job, so the transit company decided to disregard everything and let them go through just like the St. Petersburg tokens.

Will D. Muse of Miami would like to know where to cash a check dated May 19, 1930, which was found recently in the mail chute of the Dade County Court House by repairmen. The administrator for the now defunct City National Bank, on which the cashier's check was drawn, says the time elapsed was unreasonable and there are no funds to take care of it. The post office says it's not responsible. Now, Mr. Muse plans to contact the Cutler Mailing System of Rochester, New York, which installed the mail chute.

Those pistachio nuts with the red shells seen in machines on counters of bars, etc., got a Miami in bad the other night. The middle-aged gent had been peacefully drinking a few glasses of beer while munching on the nuts which died his lips a luscious red. His wife entered and immediately noticed the red lips. "You've been cheating!" she cried, and thereupon started flailing the daylights out of him with her umbrella.

A woman appearing in the court of Justice of the Peace Spicola in Tampa spoke so low that the court interrupted her. "Step up close," he directed. "Now speak louder." "I can't, I've got the mumps," she replied. "Step back a ways," the court directed, and all participants fell back as though the order affected all.

Chester P. Leyton of Miami, trying to be helpful in a family ruckus, had a wreck with his car, got in a fight and wound up being charged with drunken driving. It all happened when Mrs. Jackie Rhindress hailed Leyton and asked him to take her to the police. With the husband in close pursuit, Leyton drove several miles, whirled around a corner and smashed into another car. Then Rhindress whizzed up, and the fight ensued.

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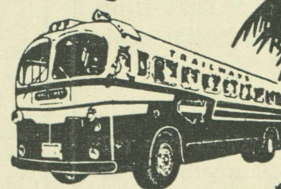
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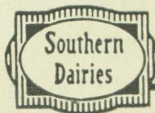
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Transactions of Meeting of Florida State Road Department

AT MEETING HELD AT TALLAHASSEE, JUNE 28, 1947

PURSUANT to agreement as to time and place, the Members of the State Road Department of Florida met for the Second Quarterly Meeting for 1947, at Tallahassee on the 28th day of June, the full board being present as follows: Chairman F. E. Bayless, Members Courtney W. Campbell, S. Kendrick Guernsey, Herman B. Fultz, and Robert T. Carleton, and the Secretary, J. Robert McClure.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 17

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the minutes of the meeting held at Orlando on May 17 were approved.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS AWARDED

On motion of Mr. Carleton, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due advertisement, the Department did on certain dates, as hereinafter indicated, receive bids for the construction of certain projects, and for the furnishing of certain equipment and materials, as hereinafter listed; and

WHEREAS, the firms hereinafter named were and are hereby declared to be the lowest responsible bidders therefor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the action of the Chairman in awarding the contracts hereinafter listed, be and the same is hereby approved, which said contracts are as follows, to wit:

CONSTRUCTION

Bids received April 17

Smith Engr. & Const. Co., FAS-168(1), 386, Bay-Gulf, \$480,679.35.

Bids received May 22

Gulf Coast Const. Co., 8711-901, 90, Dade, \$17,852.04.

Coggins & Deermont, 6101-109 & 6108-106, 10-77, Washington, \$8,000.83.

Macasphalt Corp., 9405-106, A1A, St. Lucie, \$25,467.01.

Coggin & Deermont, 6013-101 etc., 2 & Co., Walton-Holmes, \$30,418.35.

Smith Engr. & Const. Co., 4812-901 etc., 30-71-20, Escambia, etc., \$32,452.53.

Langston Const. Co., 7002-117 etc., 5-515-520, Brevard, \$46,924.58.

Cone Bros. Contr. Co., 1403-113, 55, Pasco, \$27,678.25.

Geo. D. Auchter Co., 7406-107, 200, Nassau, \$482,171.34.

Cone Bros. Contr. Co., 0101-110 & 1201-113, 45, Charlotte-Lee, \$293,999.35.

Cleary Bros. Const. Co., 7001-104 & 7002-115, 5, Brevard, \$49,994.80.

Duval Engr. & Contr. Co., 7400-103, Co., Nassau, \$29,163.06.

Hooper Const. Co., S-163(1), 846, Collier, \$286,228.34.

Cone Bros. Contr. Co., F-134(1), 50, Orange, \$871,062.98.

Bids received June 17

Macasphalt Corp., 1602-110 etc., 600, Polk, \$257,989.68.

Coggin & Deermont, 5320-101, Jackson, \$17,255.98.

Belcher Oil Co., 1613-107 etc., 60-630, Polk, \$192,778.74.

L. L. Hall Const. Co., 3805-902 & 3805-103, 361, Taylor, \$50,019.61.

A. F. Rich Co., 5507-106, 20, Leon, \$10,935.35.

MOTOR EQUIPMENT

Bids received May 30

2 1/2-ton Carryall Suburban, Miami, Luby Chevrolet Co., \$2,815.40.

2 1/2-ton Carryall Suburban, Miami, Luby Chevrolet Co., \$2,755.80.

Bids received June 3

1 2-ton Closed Cab Truck Chassis, Jasper, Lewis Motor Co., \$1,552.18.

Bids received June 5

1 1/2-ton Carryall Suburban, Daytona Beach, Halifax Motors, 1,384.85.

1 1/2-ton Carryall Suburban, Daytona Beach, Halifax Motors, \$1,355.90.

MATERIALS

Bids received June 24

65,000 Cu. Yds. Washed Shell, Bay Dredging & Const., \$76,375.00.

SPECIAL CENTER-LINE EQUIPMENT

Bids received June 25

Kelly Creswell Co., Xenia, Ohio, 3 sets FOB DeLand, \$9,494.25.

APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS

On motion of Mr. Carleton, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the following Supplemental Agreements were approved:

R. H. Wright & Son, Inc., FA 9, UI-026-1(1), Dade, \$16,497.19 Increase.

Macasphalt Corp., St. 45, 1303-104, Manatee, \$21,164.22 Increase.

John C. Dickerson Const., St. 2, 0103-103, Charlotte, \$96.96 Increase.

Smith Eng. & Const. Co., St. 10, 4301-105, Escambia, \$206.90 Increase.

Smith Eng. & Const. Co., St. 10-115, 4301-108 etc., Bay-Okaloosa & Walton, \$68,173.20 Increase.

Brinson Const. Co., St. 177(A1A), 8605-105, Broward, \$570.00 Increase.

L. L. Hall Const. Co., St. 101-191, 7004-102 etc., Brevard, \$139.50 Increase.

L. L. Hall Const. Co., FA 419, S-167(1), Orange-Seminole, \$24.00 Decrease.

Smith Eng. & Const. Co., St. 30, 4602-103, Bay, \$4,607.40 Decrease.

James H. Craggs Const., St. U of F, 2318-104, Alachua, \$454.20 Decrease.

R. H. Wright & Son, FA 21, FA-117(2), Volusia, No change.

Duval Eng. & Contr. Co., St. 5, 7002-116 etc., Bevard-Volusia, \$38.41 Decrease.

Langston-Hubbard Const., St. 600, 7503-105 & 7701-108, Orange-Seminole, \$42,753.94 Increase.

Brinson Const. Co., St. 45, 1004-104 etc., Hillsborough-Pasco, \$697.83 Decrease.

James H. Craggs Const., St. 2, 3603-104, Marion, \$441.50 Decrease.

Hardaway Contr. Co., St. 53, 4810-103, Escambia, \$17.86 Decrease.

Smith Eng. & Const. Co., St. 1-10, 5001-108, 5502-106 etc., Gadsden, Wakulla & Leon, No change.

RIGHT OF WAY RESOLUTIONS

The usual routine Right of Way request resolutions were adopted for the following projects:

Brevard, 520, 7010, West 5.2 miles of said Section, Carleton, Fultz.

Duval, 105, 7225, Cedar, Shad and Haulover Creek Bridges, Guernsey, Carleton.

Duval, 115, 7215, From So. line of Sect. 37, T1, N, R 25 E, Nly to Nassau Co. Line, Guernsey, Fultz.

Escambia, 99, 4821, Guernsey, Fultz.

Escambia, 196, 4809, Campbell, Carleton.

Lake, 25-500, 1104, Leesburg to Marion Co. Line, Carleton, Guernsey.

Lake, 44, 1101, Sumter Co. Line to Leesburg, Carleton, Fultz.

Lee, 80, 1202, East 7.5 miles of said Sect., Campbell, Carleton.

Nassau, 15, 7403, North 12.4 miles said Sect., Guernsey, Campbell.

Volusia, 40, 7907, From point on old road to Road 5 in New Smyrna, Carleton, Fultz.

Lake 44-500, 1101, Leesburg-Tavares-Mt. Dora, Carleton, Campbell.

Broward, 9, 8607, From Dade Co. line to Palm Beach County line, Fultz, Carleton.

AMENDMENT OF MINUTES OF MAY 17 PROPOSED STATE ROAD 105 NASSAU AND DUVAL COUNTIES

Mr. Guernsey called attention to the possible ambiguity in the intention of the Board as set out in the minutes of May 17 relating to action taken on the proposed construction of State Road 105 in Nassau and Duval Counties and the following resolution was offered by Mr. Guernsey and unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in order that there may be no misinterpretation of the Department's agreement with Highway 105 Association regarding the portion of the proposed road for which the Department will pay the costs of surveys and assume maintenance, the record of the action taken by the State Road Board at the meeting held at Orlando on May 17, 1947, regarding such surveys and maintenance, be amended to read as follows:

Costs of Surveys

"On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Board agreed to pay the costs of surveys from the landing of the bridge on the southern end of Big Talbot Island, connecting Big Talbot Island with Little Talbot Island, to the landing of the bridge on Ft. George Island, connecting Little Talbot Island with Ft. George Island, and to continue its present participation in the costs necessary to complete the survey for the balance of the entire project.

Maintenance

"On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Board agreed to assume all maintenance, after construction is completed, from the landing of the bridge on the southern end of Big Talbot Island, connecting Big Talbot Island with Little Talbot Island, to the landing of the bridge on Ft. George Island, connecting Little Talbot Island with Ft. George Island."

EXCHANGE OF U. S. SECURITIES HELD BY THE DEPARTMENT

The early maturity of certain U. S. Securities held by the Department was called to the attention of the Board. Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the State Road Department has to its credit in the Treasury of the State of Florida, as an investment for the State Road License Fund—Gasoline, the sum of \$2,000,000 in U. S. Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, 7/8%, Series F-1947, dated July 1, 1946 and maturing July 1, 1947.

WHEREAS, it appears desirable that investment of the above sum be continued for the time being.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Department be and he is hereby directed to effect an exchange of the said maturing securities for Federal Government Securities of equal value and dignity, if available; and if not available, for short term Federal Government Securities of the highest interest earnings available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such action as taken and things done by the Chairman to effectuate the exchange be and they are hereby authorized in the name of this Department.

CANCELLATION OF R/W CONTRACT BOND

BREVARD COUNTY, PROJECT 5231, ROAD 70 (NOW SECTION 7010, ROAD 520)

On motion of Mr. Carleton, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company is hereby released and discharged from each and every of its obligations to the State Road Department under that certain surety bond executed by Brevard County, as principal, and said corporation, as surety, to this Department, as obligee, dated the 24th day of May, A. D. 1940, in the penal sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), conditioned to secure the performance of a certain Right of Way Contract dated the 24th day of May A. D. 1940, between the said county and this Department, concerning the acquisition by said County of rights of way to this Department for Project 5231, of State Road No. 70, (Section 7010, New State Road No. 520), and said surety bond is hereby terminated and cancelled; PROVIDED

that nothing herein shall be taken or construed to mean that said Right of Way Contract between said County and this Department is in any wise impaired modified or affected.

CANCELLATION OF R/W CONTRACT BOND

LAKE COUNTY, PROJECT WPH 175-A, FEDERAL ROUTE 19

On motion of Mr. Carleton, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that American Surety Company of New York is hereby released and discharged from each and every of its obligations to the State Road Department under that certain surety bond executed by Lake County, as principal, and said corporation, as surety, to this Department, as obligee, dated the 4th day of November, A. D. 1935, in the penal sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), conditioned to secure the performance of a certain Right of Way Contract dated the 4th day of November, A. D. 1935, between the said County and this Department, concerning the acquisition by said County of rights of way to this Department for Project WPH 175-A, grade and drain construction from

Station 898 plus 84 to Station 1209 plus 00, Federal Aid Route 19, and said surety bond is hereby terminated and cancelled; PROVIDED that nothing herein shall be taken or construed to mean that the said Right of Way Contract between said County and this Department is in anywise impaired, modified or affected.

QUITCLAIM TO BORROW PIT SECTION 0801 ROAD 45 HERNANDO COUNTY (OLD PROJECT 545 ROAD 5)

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the Board authorized the Chairman to have prepared and to execute on behalf of the Department a quitclaim deed to a borrow pit on Section 0801, Road 45, in Hernando County, acquired for the construction of Project 545 on Old Road 5, from Joseph Huba et al, the said deed having been requested by Warran A. Truax, the present owner of the tract surrounding this abandoned borrow pit.

QUITCLAIM TO BORROW PIT SECTION 1701 ROAD 45 SARASOTA COUNTY

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the Board authorized the Chairman to

have prepared and to execute on behalf of the Department a quitclaim deed to a borrow pit on Section 1701, State Road 45 (formerly Road 5), the said deed having been requested by J. H. Kester, successor in title to William F. Cochran from whom the abandoned borrow pit was acquired in 1931.

COURTNEY CAMPBELL HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT—DAVIS CAUSEWAY

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the following resolution was adopted by the votes of Members Guernsey, Fultz and Carleton and Chairman Bayless.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County has recommended and suggested that the highway beautification and roadside improvement project recently established on the Davis Causeway be designated the "Courtney Campbell Highway Beautification Project" in recognition of the efforts of Road Board Member Campbell in initiating and bringing to realization said project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that said highway beautification and roadside improvement project on Davis Causeway be named and designated the "Courtney Campbell Highway Beautification Project" and that appropriate signs be posted thereon showing such designation.

STATE ROAD 30—BAY COUNTY CONFIRMATION OF EXCHANGE OF LANDS WITH F. A. BLACK ESTATE

On motion of Mr. Carleton, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the action of the Chairman in settling the controversy with the F. A. Black Estate and correcting of description in the original right of way deed by exchange of deeds between the Department and said Estate, including conveyance of the Wayside Park site on Panama Beach and establishment of a 100-foot right of way for State Road 30 through the F. A. Black Estate lands, be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed.

BROWARD COUNTY LOCATION OF R/W FOR STATE ROAD 9

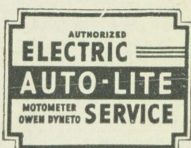
Chairman L. S. Rensberg of the Broward County Commissioners and Attorney John Lloyd appeared in the interest of the location of State Road 9 as a four-lane highway through Broward County, and after a short discussion Mr. Fultz presented the following resolution which was duly seconded and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Mr. Luther Rensberg, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida appeared before the Road Board today and expressed his approval of the general location and surveyed route of Section 8607, State Road 9 in Broward County and stated that he would be willing to recommend to his Board that it approve said route and that the county acquire the necessary rights of way for said road as outlined hereinafter in this resolution; and

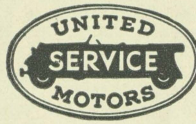
WHEREAS, the State Road Department considers that it is highly desirable and in the best interest of the state that the right of way for said Section be acquired at the earliest possible time and that said road be constructed as soon as possible to relieve traffic congestion, facilitate the movement of traffic and promote traffic safety in the populous southeastern part of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department of the State of Florida that it enter into an agreement with Broward County whereby the costs of acquiring the right of way for said Section 8607 of State Road 9 in Broward County be paid from the following sources:

1. From county funds in the amount of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars which the county is providing in its county budget for the year 1947-48.
2. From Federal-Aid project funds in the amount of 33 1/3% of the costs of the right of way acquisition in urban areas, to the extent urban funds are made available for said section.
3. From State Road funds which the Department agrees to advance to make up any balance necessary to acquire the right of way in addition to the funds provided in 1 and 2 above, such advanced State Road



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman and Secretary of the State Road Department be and they are hereby authorized to execute an appropriate agreement with Broward County to carry into effect the provisions of this resolution.

DUVAL COUNTY

Consideration was given to the resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Duval County urging haste in advertising for construction of the bridges over Cedar, Haulover, and Shad Creeks in that County, provided for in this year's budget.

The Chairman advised the Board that two of these projects were being advertised at this time and that the other would be taken care of.

EVERGLADES DRAINAGE DISTRICT— ROAD 27 IN DADE COUNTY

Mr. W. D. Hilsabeck, Chairman of the Everglades Drainage District, came before the Board in the interest of the extension of Krome Avenue, Road 27 in Dade County, from the Tamiami Trail to intersect with Road 25.

Mr. Fultz explained Mr. Hilsabeck's request from the Everglades Drainage District was that the canal which the District wanted to build, and the road proposed to be built by the Department be done in a single operation, the cost to be shared equally between the Everglades Drainage District and the State Road Department, at a greatly reduced cost to both agencies. Mr. Hilsabeck assured the Department that the District's share of the expenses could be arranged and he advised that they already owned 92% of the right of way and would secure the balance.

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the Board committed itself to go ahead on this project on a 50-50 basis up to the point where this road would intersect with Road 25, and that the Everglades Drainage District be given until December 1, 1947 to work out the details and assure the Department that they will go ahead with their part of this project.

HAMILTON COUNTY

REQUEST FOR ADVANCE OF FUNDS FOR R/W

The Board considered a resolution from the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County asking for an advance of funds in the sum of \$10,000 for the procurement of rights of way on primary State roads in Hamilton County.

The Board agreed that if the roads in question are determined to be Primary Federal Aid roads the advance of funds will be approved under the policy of the Department adopted by resolution of September 16, 1946.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY

County Commissioners J. H. Hood, A. J. Tubbs A. C. McAulay of Highlands County were accompanied by Messrs. J. E. Sims and L. D. Smith.

Hood asked for maintenance of Road 64 from Avon Park to Wauchula, and presented resolutions from the Board of County Commissioners requesting the Department to recap, repair, reconstruct and widen two roads, (1) Road 64 in Highlands and Hardee Counties, between the City of Avon Park and a point about seven miles east of Wauchula, and (2) Road 17 in Highlands County between the underpass north of Lake Placid south to the intersection of said Road 17 with State Road 25 at Lake McCoy.

Mr. Campbell advised that a sand-seal surface coat is planned for the above section of Road 17, and Mr. Hood was advised that all maintenance requests will be taken up at the meeting when the Board is considering additions to the State Maintained System.

Mr. Hood inquired about the Lorida Road, State Road 66. He was advised by the Chairman that the original application had been approved by the Department and was before the Supreme Court awaiting an opinion as to the legality of financing its construction through the State Improvement Commission, and that to extend this project to the Kissimmee River would require the handling of another application. Mr. Hood asked the Department to make a survey of this road from Okeechobee City to the River to determine the location for its crossing the river.

Mr. Sims spoke of a subdivision on his property on the east side of Road 25 at its intersection with Road 349, where it is a distance of 110 feet from the center line of the road to his property

line. He asked permission to use the right of way of this road for a service road to the subdivision, and said he would pay for the road and in this way would eliminate turnouts to each lot from the Road. The Board advised him that this was against the policy of the Department, but that if he would build a service road on his own property, the Department would build a connection from the highway to each end of his property.

Mr. Hood asked the width to be required on the right of way for the road from Avon Park north, and was advised by the Chairman that this would be 100 feet through the cities and 200 feet outside.

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE HIGH POWERED SERVICE LINE ON ROOSEVELT BLVD.

The delegation from the City of Jacksonville consisted of Mr. George Pierce, City Commissioner of Public Utilities, Mr. Chester Titus, Engineer, and Mr. Mark Bartleson, City Safety Director. Mr. Pierce spoke in behalf of their request for permission to install a high voltage electric power pole line on the right of way on Roosevelt Boulevard, from McDuff Avenue to San Juan Avenue, as a part of such a line to serve the U. S. Naval Station at Green Cove Springs, Florida. Mr. Titus filed a plat showing the location of the proposed line and stated the cost of putting it underground was prohibitive and this was the only way they could get this power to the Naval Station. He stated that because of the high voltage required, more expensive equipment was to be used which would make it less hazardous than the usual low voltage line, and that there would be no more radio interference on the proposed line than there is on the usual low voltage line.

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the Board agreed to grant the request for permission to install the proposed line by reconstructing the existing 26 KV line to a 69 KV line on Roosevelt Boulevard between McDuff Sub-station and Dancy Street, and to erect a new 69 KV line from Dancy Street to San Juan

Avenue, a distance of about 9,000 feet in the City of Jacksonville.

LAKE COUNTY ADVANCE OF FUNDS FOR R/W ON ROAD 25

The Board heard Mr. J. W. Hunter of Tavares, County Attorney for Lake County, as he presented the resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners requesting an advance of \$30,877.50 for the acquisition of right of way on State Road 25, said sum to be repaid out of the unobligated 80% surplus gasoline tax funds to the credit of Lake County.

On motion of Mr. Carleton, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, this Department has received a resolution from the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, adopted June 17, 1947, requesting advance of \$30,877.50 for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring rights of way on State Road 25, formerly State Road 8-A, to be repaid out of future accrual of the County Gasoline tax fund to the credit of said Lake County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said request of Lake County as contained in the said resolution be and it is hereby agreed to and approved, and the Right of Way Division of the Department is instructed to carry out all the necessary details in making said advance in accordance with the Department's resolution of September 16, 1946 providing for such advances.

MANATEE COUNTY

The delegation from Manatee County comprised Representative Walter S. Hardin, Lloyd M. Hicks, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Dr. W. D. Sugg, President of the Bradenton Chamber of Commerce, W. U. Lathrop, Chairman of the Road Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and George L. Jerome of Bail Horton Associates, who came in the interest of financing the construction of the bridge to Anna Maria Island through the State Improvement Commission.

Chairman Bayless advised the delegation that the Road Board is agreeable to entering into an

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agreement for the construction of this bridge though the Improvement Commission, provided it is found to be a feasible and sound financial proposition.

Mr. Hardin stated that with the present traffic the bridge would pay out in around 20 years on 12½ cent tolls, and suggested that since this new bridge would take traffic from the Department's presently maintained wooden bridge it would greatly lessen the maintenance costs on that bridge. He gave an estimate of the overall cost that would be involved in the proposed project at approximately One Million dollars.

On being questioned, Mr. Fraser, Bridge Engineer for the Department, made the reply that maintenance costs would be very small for the first 20 years on a new reinforced concrete bridge.

ANNA MARIA BRIDGE—CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the State Road Department has duly considered the resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, adopted June 21, 1947, and the resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Bradenton, adopted June 24, 1947, both requesting the financing and construction of a toll bridge and approaches thereto from the mainland to Anna Maria Key, all in Manatee County, Florida, the route of same being designated as a State Road by Chapter 22700, Acts of 1945, and has been numbered by the State Road Department as State Road 41-168.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that it hereby approves the proposed plan to finance and construct the said toll bridge and approaches thereto as requested, and will cooperate with the Florida State Improvement Commission and the State Board of Administration in effecting such financing and construction; provided that any revenue certificates or bonds issued for such financing shall mature within thirty (30) years and shall be retired from tolls from said bridge and/or from future surplus gasoline taxes of Manatee County should there be any deficiency in toll revenues; provided further, that the Department's commitment herein is subject to the approval of said project by the Florida State Improvement Commission and the State Board of Administration; provided further, that the Department's commitment herein is also subject to Manatee County agreeing that it will establish and perpetually maintain a public beach on Anna Maria Key.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when said bridge and approaches are constructed the Department will maintain such structures out of state road funds, leaving the toll revenue derived to be used to pay the actual expenses of collecting the same and for the retirement of said revenue certificates or bonds and interest thereon; and also be used to pay premiums on insurance for the bridge structures with the County agreeing to make up any deficiency in such premiums should toll revenues prove inadequate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department hereby approves the location and proposed construction of said toll bridge and approaches

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and authorizes its Chairman to officially represent the Department in all negotiations incident to the financing and construction of said toll bridge and approaches thereto, which he shall report to the Department for approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be furnished the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bradenton, the Florida State Improvement Commission and the State Board of Administration.

PALM BEACH COUNTY—SINGER ISLAND BRIDGE

County Commissioner A. A. Poston was present from Palm Beach County and presented the request that the Department enter into a lease-purchase agreement with Palm Beach County for the new Singer Island Bridge and for its maintenance upon completion. He filed copy of the Act passed at the last session of the Legislature creating Special Road and Bridge District No. 9, Palm Beach County, and authorizing said District to construct a new bridge in approximately the same location as the present Singer Island Bridge.

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the Board voted to authorize the Chairman to have prepared an appropriate lease-purchase agreement covering the new Singer Island Bridge to be entered into by this Department with Palm Beach County, including full State maintenance of the said bridge upon the completion of its construction.

RIGHT OF WAY MATTERS IN PALM BEACH COUNTY

In regard to the proposed four-lane highway, Mr. Poston advised the Board that all of the members of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County had approved the location agreed upon, and if assured by the Department that this is the route to be used they will cooperate one hundred per cent with the Department. He reported that all right of way on the Riviera-Lake Park road had been secured and asked the Department to advertise this project. He also advised that they were proceeding

satisfactorily with the right of way for the Military (farm-to-market) Road.

PASCO COUNTY

There were two delegations from Pasco County. The first one was Mr. H. W. Setley and Mr. Atwood Pullington of New Port Richey. Mr. Setley filed a resolution from the New Port Richey Chamber of Commerce asking the Department to repair Moon Lake Road, a distance of about 13 miles. Mr. Setley stated that this road was used as a detour when State Road 52 (old Road 210) was constructed 8 or 10 years ago and had been in bad shape ever since. He asked that the Department take it and fill up the holes and make it passable if it cannot be rebuilt at this time. Mr. Pullington spoke in behalf of the needs of this road and endorsed all of Mr. Setley's statements. He said he carried mail over this route and knew its condition.

The Board instructed Division Engineer Turnbull to go over this road and report to the Board with an estimate of the costs to place the road in passable condition.

The second delegation which came included Mr. E. L. Sarns, Rev. G. T. Evans, and Mr. J. E. Bosely, with Mr. Sarns acting as their spokesman. He advised the Department that the last Legislature had designated the Gunn Highway and the old road from Elfers to Denham as state roads now shown on the State road map as Roads 54 and 587, and he requested the Department to take them over for maintenance. He read resolutions, letters and petitions making these requests. He was advised that the Division Engineer would check into the condition of these roads and furnish the Board with an estimate of the cost to put them into repair, and that their maintenance would be taken up at the meeting when the Board gives consideration to all additions to the State Maintained System.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Pasco County and ask that the Department be advised of the order of priority of the roads to be considered for maintenance.

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R/W IN TOWN OF NEW PORT RICHEY

The Board gave consideration to formal protests made by the City Council of New Port Richey in connection with the location of rights of way asked for borrow pit and drainage ditches incidental to the construction of State Road 55, U. S. Highway 19, through the said City, on the grounds that same would be highly detrimental to the City and to the property involved.

The Chairman and the Division Engineer were asked by the Board to make an investigation of this situation with a view to making some satisfactory revision in plans for the location of the necessary borrow pit and drainage ditch.

PINELLAS COUNTY

The request of the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County for State maintenance on certain roads was ordered held for consideration at the special meeting when all additions to the State Maintained System are considered.

TOWN OF RUSKIN—PROPOSED SIDEWALK

Another request was received from the Town of Ruskin, on U. S. 541 in the southern end of Hillsborough County, with relation to the need for a sidewalk along this highway. A letter from the Junior Woman's Club asked for cooperation of the Department in giving permission for such a walkway to be constructed on the right of way of this road, if after a thorough investigation of traffic conditions such a walkway was found desirable.

Division Engineer Turnbull was instructed to conduct this investigation.

SANTA ROSA COUNTY

County Commissioner E. M. Fowler appeared to request that a traffic survey be made on Road 89 between Jay and Mt. Carmel, in Santa Rosa County.

TOWN OF SOUTH DAYTONA

The request for traffic lights to be installed in the Town of South Daytona at certain points on State Road 5, U. S. Highway 1, was referred to Division Engineer Bryan for investigation and recommendation as to whether the Department should give permission for the installation of such lights.

SEMINOLE COUNTY

Representative M. B. (T-Bone) Smith and County Commissioner B. C. Dodd were present from Seminole County.

Mr. Smith asked for repair and maintenance of the 6-mile section of Road 434 from its intersection with Road 426 near Gabriella, to give connection from Oviedo through Altamonte to the west over Road 436 (old Road 288).

Mr. Dodd said they would like to have the Tusawilla Road also the road first mentioned by Mr. Smith, but did not wish to get their requests mixed up by switching from one to another. He suggested the Department give first consideration to the Tusawilla Road and second to the cross road toward Oviedo.

They were advised that the matter of maintenance would be taken up at the meeting when the Board gives consideration to all additions to the State Maintained System.

SPECIAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR JACKSONVILLE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY

The Board considered an application from the firm of Smith, Reynolds and Hills of Jacksonville for special engineering services in connection with the proposed Jacksonville Interstate Highway project.

On motion of Mr. Gurnsey, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Chairman was authorized to proceed to negotiate for such special services, at a cost not to exceed \$150,000, provided the plans prove feasible and the State Improvement Commission agrees to take over the financing of the proposed project.

MOTION PICTURE OF SRD OPERATIONS

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the Chairman was authorized to take steps toward the production of an educational motion picture showing to the public the operations of the State Road Department, giving special attention to distribution of costs for construction, maintenance, safety measures, etc.

R/W ON ROAD A1A AT BRINY BREEZES, PALM BEACH COUNTY

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Board agreed to reduce the width of right of way required for Road A1A at Briny Breezes, Palm Beach County, to 66 feet, provided the County completes the acquisition of this right of way before the first of December, 1947, at its own expense.

LOS OLAS BRIDGE IN FORT LAUDERDALE

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Board voted to confirm its previous offer to build the Los Olas Bridge in Fort Lauderdale, when the City of Fort Lauderdale presents an acceptable plan for financing its half of the cost of the proposed bridge.

LEASE OF LAND AT GANDY BRIDGE TO CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

The Board considered the request from the City of St. Petersburg that said city lease from the Department certain lands adjacent to Gandy Bridge, for use by the City in connection with its radio Station W-SUN.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the following resolution was adopted:

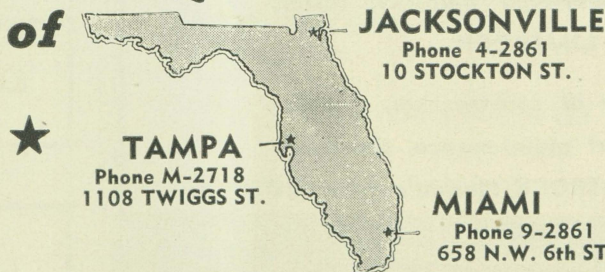
BE IT RESOLVED that this Department accept the proposal of the City of St. Petersburg for a long term lease of certain lands adjacent to Gandy Bridge for use by said City in connection with the operation of its Radio Station W-SUN, all as described and set out in the letter dated May 14, 1947, addressed to Chairman Bayless by Carleton F. Sharpe, City Manager of St. Petersburg, and on map attached thereto,

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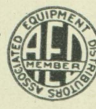


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Six miles in circumference, Pine Key, heavily wooded with tall pines and mangroves, is inhabited by four families, and they love it because there they find a refuge from the rush of city life.

To the east is St. Petersburg with its 90,000 year-round population, its winter colony that boosts population figures to around 150,000. Just west of it, almost within a stone's throw lies Pass-a-Grille, southernmost community on a 15-mile long stretch of Gulf Beaches that boasts a population of more than 10,000 persons.

Yet few who live in this thickly set-

and the Chairman of this Department is hereby authorized to have prepared and to execute such lease in behalf of the State Road Department.

ON DEATH OF CYRIL P. DATSON

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, since the last meeting of this Board Cyril P. Datson, Division Engineer of the Division of Plans and Surveys of this Department, has been called by sudden and tragic death, in line of duty; and

WHEREAS, the members of this Board desire to record their expression of sincere sorrow in the death of this faithful, conscientious and valued official,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department of Florida that in the death of Mr. Datson there has been removed from this organization a man who was faithful to every trust, outstanding in his ability and unswerving in his devotion to the highest ideals of public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in behalf of each Member of this Board and all the officials and employees of the State Road Department, we express to the family of Mr. Datson our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the sorrow that has come upon them, and that a copy of this resolution, certified by the Chairman and attested by the Secretary, be furnished to Margaret Moor Datson, his devoted and bereaved widow, and a copy to the Press of this City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned with agreement to hold the next meeting of the Board at Brooksville on July 28.



INDIAN BURIAL MOUND.—Wilson Hubbard, one of the key residents, poses in front of a shell mound, believed to be an Indian burial mound.

tled section of Pinellas county know anything about the little key. Still fewer know that people live there.

ONE NEW HOUSE

Newsmen recently paid the island a visit. Five minutes by boat across the channel from Pass-a-Grille and they were on its mangrove covered shores.

One new house, the first to be built in more than ten years, recently was erected. It is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hubbard and baby daughter. Hubbard is an aviator veteran of World War II, who among other experiences, suffered frozen feet while flying in the

cold Aleutian islands. He holds a pier concession at Pass-a-Grille.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Ahalt and five children comprise another family. The Ahalts are instructors at Disston Junior High School in St. Petersburg.

The other families are Mr. and Mrs. Horace Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Roberts. The Roberts brothers are crack fishing guides of the Florida West Coast.

What do you think of living on what many would call a too lonely spot?

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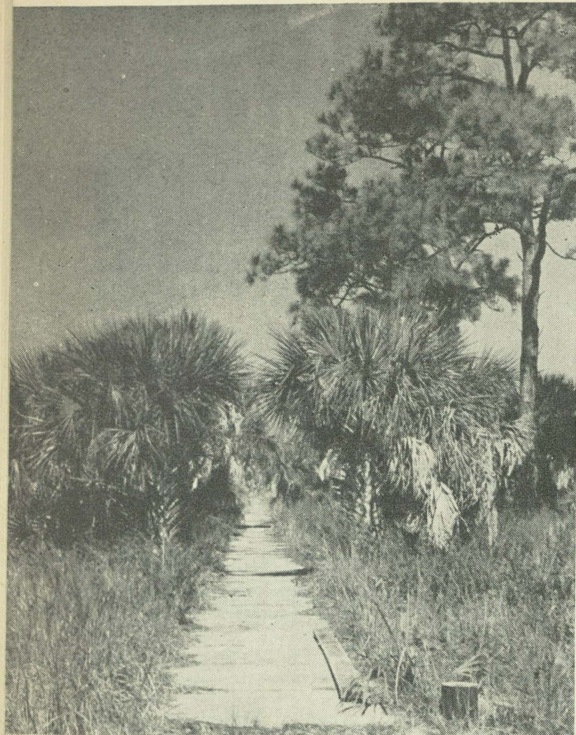
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RELIC OF THE BOOM OF THE 20s— Sidewalks were put down on lonely Pine Key by developers during boom days of the 20s and some of them are in use today by the four families who inhabit the island. **PATH TO CIVILIZATION—**This path through the pines of Pine Key leads to the deck where the four families living on the island take boats for Pass-a-Grille. Water tower in background is on Pass-a-Grille key, a half mile away.

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Pine Key, say the experts, is one of the oldest islands in the Tampa Bay area. It is high and dry. Presence of pine on the island proves it long has been well above range of the tides.

There are a number of shell mounds, supposedly marking Indian burial grounds, on the island. No scientists have ever explored them, however. But the inhabitants say that thigh bones have been unearthed from time to time, so large that they indicated a race of seven footers once lived on the island.

Grim cactus plants stand guard on many of the mounds.

Once upon a time, back in the boom of the 20s, developers planned an exclusive colony there. They gave the island the fancy moniker of Monte Cristo Isle. Streets were laid out but never paved. Some sidewalks were put in. Two elaborate stucco houses were put up. They're occupied today by the islanders. A bridge to Pass-a-Grille was planned but when that failed to materialize the project went to seed.

Nature moved in and reclaimed her own. Only the sidewalks and two houses remain to show the developer touch.

Today's inhabitants don't care much if a bridge is never built. That stretch of water insures their privacy.

"We can go to a store in Pass-a-Grille by boat just as quickly, or ever quicker, than the average person in town," said one of the islander's wives.

She added that they didn't spend money needlessly. They made a trip once a week, stock up with what they need, and call it quits.

Private power plants furnish light and refrigeration. They have their own wells for water supply.

A nice, quiet, easy going life it is on Pine Key. The folks there like it.

Sled dogs—mighty huskies—that went along on the U. S. Navy's historic expedition to the South Pole early this year, have been declared surplus and will be sold by War Assets Administration.

NO FRILLS FOR THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

There will be no frills for the Governor's new offices at Tallahassee, at least not while Gov. Caldwell is the State's Chief Executive. The Governor is a believer in economy. That goes for his department as well as others.

The Governor returned to the firm charged with decorating his offices some \$60,000 worth of antiques which would have made a pleasant showing, but would have been quite costly to the taxpayers. They must foot the State's bills.

The Governor let it be known he did not care for such expensive frills.

Some Governors would never have questioned this item. They would have accepted the decorator's judgment in putting the offices in proper order, passed the bill along for payment.

Florida is fortunate to have a Governor as mindful of the State's pocket-book as Gov. Caldwell.—Orlando Star.

PINNEY ANTES

By BILL PINNEY

(Jacksonville Journal, June 9, 1947)

Did you ever see bass schooling? Well, I did. There they were just churning the water around the boat. I tried everything. I threw 'em 2,000's, 3,000's 4,000's. I threw 'em crippled minnows, hurt minnows, sick minnows and well minnows, injured minnows, live minnows and dead minnows.

Then, standing in the bow of the boat like Washington crossing the Delaware, I made a speech concerning luck in general and bass and fishing in particular that I'll leave out.

Then I threw 'em Johnson spoons, Arcetta spoons, teaspoons and table-spoons, wet flies and dry flies, Hawaiian wigglers, Samoan wigglers, flat fish and round fish. Then I threw 'em the whole tackle box, emptied a Mossberg rifle at 'em and headed back to camp. "Those fish," put in my helpmate, "don't need schooling. They're already smart enough."

She swam back.

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TOBACCO MOVES SOUTH

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an advantage over land farther north because water was closer to ground level. He expects to be gathering leaves well into May and believes the total harvest will top 5000 pounds.

An average price for tobacco at market is about 60 cents per pound, he said, which multiplied by 5000 pounds paints an attractive enough picture to anyone, especially vegetable and fruit growers faced with the usual prospect of idle lands and nothing to sell through the summer months.

"I remember though," Robinson said, recalling depression days, "when the Georgia state market average was 7½ cents per pound."

The Robinsons recently completed a "four acre" tobacco barn about 16 x 16 feet, fully equipped with flues and furnace, constructed of pine logs and chinked with a sand and lime mixture to keep the intense heat inside up to its 140 to 180 degree temperature while the leaves are curing.

A familiar sight to Georgians, Carolinians and others, the curing barn attracts many curious glances and questions from neighboring Florida farmers who refer to it as "Robinson's log cabin".

They began filling the barn June 1 with about 1000 pounds of leaves which they cropped from the lower ends of the stalks. The leaves are hung on sticks, or lugs, and are left in the shed for at least five days. The cured leaves are removed to a packing shed where they can remain unharmed for years if desired, and the curing shed is filled again.

Since there is no market this far south, Robinson said the tobacco will have to be sold either in Georgia or North Florida.

He didn't know why tobacco raising had never been tried as a major Florida crop before, but was well satisfied with his experiment.

"They grew tobacco in the Carolinas for many many years," he pointed out, "before somebody decided to raise it in Georgia. Maybe the same thing will take place in South Florida."

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Industrial Commission Law Changes Unemployment Compensation

There were quite a number of changes made in the Unemployment Compensation Law by the present session of the Legislature. These changes were incorporated in five bills prepared and sponsored by the Commission. Most of such changes were of a technical or administrative character, but the primary changes which directly affect employers and workers are as follows:

1. The definition section was simplified, redefining the term "employment." These changes will mean that about the only employing units which will be liable under the law will be those with 8 or more workers for 20 weeks or a new employing unit which buys out the business of an enterprise which has already become an employer. The provision that an employer having a \$5000 quarterly pay roll, regardless of number of employees, would be automatically liable, has been eliminated.

2. The benefit section was changed in several respects to simplify administration. The principal change affecting workers was an amendment which was not sponsored or opposed by the Commission, removing from the law the existing provision which classified the fresh fruit citrus industry and its workers as seasonal. After July 1 citrus workers will be entitled to benefits throughout the year on the same basis as all other workers. They

have previously been denied benefits throughout July, August, and September.

3. The most significant change was a revision of the contribution rates allowed under experience rating in Section 8 of the law. These changes make possible new low contribution rates down to .1%. The previous low rate was .7%. The wartime expanded pay roll provision was also eliminated from the law. The elimination of the expanded pay roll provision and the new lowered contribution rates will probably cut the total annual take in contributions in half, reducing such yield from approximately \$10,000,000 to approximately \$5,000,000. A provision was also inserted in the law providing for the non-charging of benefits to employer accounts with respect to workers who left their jobs without good cause attributable to the employer.

4. Provision was made for the setting up of a special administration fund to be available to the Industrial Commission for proper administrative expenses of the Employment Security Program. It is expected that this fund may be useful to assist the State in cooperating with other states to preserve the State system of unemployment compensation.

5. Position of Executive Director was created to coordinate administration of Unemployment Compensation and Employment Service programs. Salary set by federal authorities and paid from federal funds furnished by Bureau of Employment Security and Department of Labor. By resolution the Commission also has placed the Workmen's Compensation Division under the Executive Director.

The laws enacted by the Legislature, 1947, relating to the Workmen's

Compensation Division of the Commission are as follows:

House Bill 372 provides that an employee may have two years within which to file a claim for compensation; whereas, under the present law only one year is allowed. The Bill also relieves employers, who have complied with the law, of the necessity of filing supersedeas bonds on appeals to the appellate courts from orders of the Commission.

House Bill 373 provides that the Industrial Commission must keep statistical cost records so that the employer may know what his loss experience is at all times. It also provides that the Commission must develop and maintain an extensive industrial safety program so that industrial accidents in the State may be materially reduced. In order to render these additional services, the Commission is authorized to assess an additional 1 per cent on the gross earned premiums collected by the insurance companies to defray this additional cost.

Committee substitute for House Bill 200 increases compensation for death and/or permanent and total disability from \$5000 to \$7700. It also increases the payment of compensation for permanent partial disability (loss of hand, foot, eye, etc.) in the following cases:

- (1) Leg lost, increased from 175 weeks to 200 weeks.
- (2) Hand lost, increased from 150 weeks to 175 weeks.
- (3) Foot lost, increased from 125 weeks to 175 weeks.
- (4) Eye lost, increased from 100 weeks to 175 weeks.

House Bill 453 provides for an increase of \$1500 in the annual salary of the Director of this Division.

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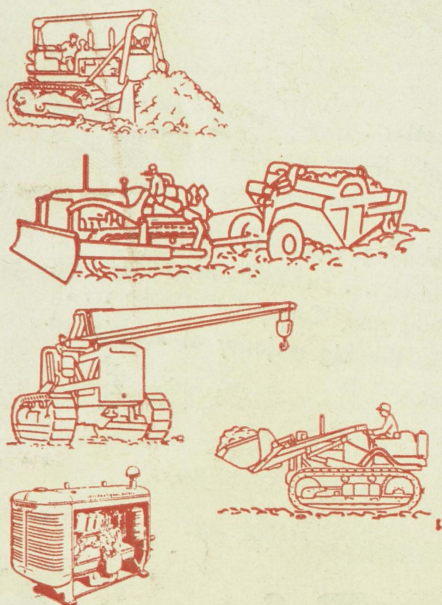
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